

# Save the Dates!

April 13-14, 2016

## 19th Annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference



We are pleased to announce  
**Meg Garvin**  
as a general session speaker

### **“Victims’ Rights—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”**

More than 30 years ago states across the country began passing laws to re-integrate victims voices into our criminal justice system. These laws came in the form of state constitutional amendments, statutes and rules. These efforts led to tremendous change in the country and yet victims continued to feel they were outsiders to the process. In recent years the third wave of victims'

rights legislation has begun - a wave that is about ensuring that the rights afforded are even more meaningful. This plenary session will discuss the history of the modern victims' rights movement; provide an overview of the current national landscape; and identify changes on the horizon.

Meg Garvin, M.A., J.D., is the executive director of the National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) and a clinical professor of law at Lewis & Clark Law School. Ms. Garvin is recognized as a leading expert on victims' rights. She has testified before Congress, state legislatures, and the Judicial Proceedings Panel on Sexual Assault in the Military. In 2014, she was appointed to the Victims Advisory Group of the United States Sentencing Commission and during 2013-2014 she served on the Victim Services Subcommittee, of the Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault Crime Panel of the United States Department of Defense. She has served as a Board member of Oregon's Citizens' Crime Commission and of the National Organization of Victim Assistance, and as an Advisory Board Member for the Red Lodge Legal Services Program. She has also served as co-chair of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section Victims Committee, co-chair of the Oregon Attorney General's Crime Victims' Rights Task Force, and as a member of the Legislative & Public Policy Committee of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force. Ms. Garvin received the John W. Gillis Leadership Award from National Parents of Murdered Children in August 2015. Prior to joining NCVLI, Ms. Garvin practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota and clerked for the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Puget Sound, her master of arts degree in communication studies from the University of Iowa, and her J.D. from the University of Minnesota.



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